MINUTES

OF THE

Second Annual Session

OF THE

Jones County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2 AND 3, 1917

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. C. PARKER - - Moderator
Laurel, Miss.

W. N. MONTGOMERY - - - Clerk
Soso, Miss.

Next place of meeting, Fairfield Church, 12 miles west of Ellisville. Tuesday and Wednesday after the 1st Sunday in October 1918.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

R. J. Loper, ... Moselle, Miss., Route 1
C. E. Bass ..... Ellisville, Miss.
L. G. Gates ..... Laurel, Miss.
J. C. Parker ..... Laurel, Miss
W. B. Mott ..... Laurel, Miss.
A. A. Bryant ..... Route 1, Sanford, Miss.
G. P. Harris ..... Route 1, Laurel, Miss.
J. P. Nix ..... Route 2, Laurel, Miss.
J. W. Walters ..... Route 2, Ellisville, Miss.
J. E. Cartney ..... Route 2, Laurel, Miss.
Luther Upton ..... Laurel, Miss.
F. Pickering ..... Route 1, Summerland, Miss.
W. W. Allreds ..... Laurel, Miss.
B. L. Edwards ..... Laurel, Miss.
J. D. Jamison ..... Ellisville, Miss.
V. W. Fairchilds ..... Route 1, Sanford, Miss.
C. W. Black ..... Summerland, Miss.
Josh Nowell ..... Route 1, Laurel, Miss.

Proceedings of the Jones County Baptist Association

FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The Jones County association convened this day with Bethlehem Church, according to previous adjournment.

The association was called to order by the moderator, J. C. Parker, Brother Luther Upton conducting the devotional services.

On motion the Rules of Order were suspended and went into election of officers. On motion of Elder G. P. Harris was appointed to cast the vote for the body for Rev. J. C. Parker, Moderator, and W. N. Montgomery Clerk and Treasurer.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Order of Business: Elder L. E. Lightsey, G. P. Harris and B. B. House.

On Digest of Letters: J. E. Cranford, W. M. Grissom, M. T. Odom and W. W. Moffett, Sr.

The report on State, Home and General Associational Missions was read by C. E. Bass and discussed by C. E. Bass and J. E. Chatman, and adopted.

Report on State, Home and General Associational Missions.

State Missions is that phase of mission work which is limited in territory to the state itself. Mississppi Baptist State Missions is carried on through our Convention Board which consists of one member from each association co-operating with the convention. This Board charged with the work of:

1. Establishing Churches in destitute places within the state.
2. Helping churches while they are struggling and weak to maintain capable pastors.
3. Holding institutes and other meetings for the development of the churches.
4. Sending out colporteurs and other workers into destitute places.
5. Conducting the work of organizing Sunday Sunday Schools and arousing those already organized to better work.
6. Helping to build church houses.

This year we are helping 210 Churches to pay their pastors; ssisting 32 churches in building houses of worship; maintaining a ystem of theological and training schools, keeping five general men, wo associational missionaries, and two women in the field, helping he negroes in their work, and doing mission work among the Inians. The work this year was laid out on a basis of $41,000.00. Each has been asked to raise a definite part of this amount. To our ork has been added the care of our soldier boys in the three camps ocated in our state, which will take an additional sum of $10,000.00.

Home Missions.

We have in connection with our Southern Baptist Convention our Iome Mission Board, in Atlanta, which takes in its care such great ines of work as may be beyond the ability of any one state to deal vith. There are certain great missionary problems which overlap the tates and present conditions everywhere the same and everywhere f such magnitude that only by consistent policy and the combination f energies of all the states can they be successfully met. Most gratiying are the results of our efforts along these lines. The Board last ear reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of this number were creditable irectly to Home Missions and the rest to co-operative agencies. The work this year was planned on a basis $505,193.00. Mississippi is sked to raise $26,000.00 of this amount, each church being asked to o her part.

General Association Missions.

In the development of Baptist Missions in Mississipi, two bodies vere organized to do mission work—the Baptist State Convention and he General Association. For many years these bodies did their mision work separately, later in a co-operative way, and now they ave practically merged into one great force with one great object—o make Mississippi a great Baptist Empire. Respectfully,

C. E. Bass.

...**Committee on Nominations:** A. McDaniel, J. M. Shows and R. E. Harper.

At 11 o'clock the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder 3. A. Ashworth, using as a text the second chapted of Second Timothy nd third verse.

On motion the report on the Order of Business was read by L. E. Lightsey and adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner, G. P. Harris leading the prayer

After one hour refreshment the association assembled in the ouse, Elder L. E. Lightsey conducting the devotional services, A. A.

Bryant leading the prayer.

Committee Appointed on Temperance: Rev. J. E. Cranford, Luther Upton and B. B. House.

....Corresponding Messengers received as follows:

Bay Springs—Elder J. E. Chatman, and L. E. Lightsey.

On motion, all visiting brethren who are friendly to the workings of our Association are invited to seats with us.

The report on Christian Education was read by A. A. Bryan, and discussed by A. A. Bryant, L. G. Gates and J. C. Parker and adopted.

The report on Publications was read by B. M. Morgan and discussed by B. M. Morgan, L. E. Lightsey, A. A. Bryant, L. G. Gates, and adopted.

Report on Publications.

The power of the printing press need not be dwelt upon in a report to this association.

Suffice to say this is an age of literature; the advocates of every form of heresy are taking advantage of this fact and are sending the printed page into every home possible. We should press to the front in publishing and circulating sound religious literature. We feel as never before that our people should earnestly study the Word of God and contend for the Faith once delivered to the Saints.

We recommend the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; The Baptist Record; also the Orphanage Gem, published at Jackson, Miss., in the interest of the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira Morgan.

The Report on Temperance was read by Rev. C. E. Bass and discussed by J. E. Cranford, L. G. Gates, B. A. Ashworth, B. M. Morgan and adopted.

Report on Temperance.

Temperance in its broadest sense is self-control. Intemperance is excess of any kind. We are commanded to be temperate in all things, that is to have mastery of self in all things. The spirit of all Scripture prohibits excess of any kind so afr as material things are concerned.

The cause of temperance in regard to the prohibition of alcoholism as a beverage has made progress in the last few years, yea in the last few months, by leaps and bounds. From local option to state-wide, from state-wide to nation-wide under the laws pertaining to the conservation of foodstuffs. The next object could not be

ss than a world-wide prohibition of alcoholism beverages.

Under the present status of things in Mississippi the liquor traffic as been reduced almost to the minimum. We say "almost" beause there is yet some drinking and drunkenness in our midst. ome folks get the stuff somehow. There is a leak somewhere in e execution of the law, or else the traffic finds some unguarded oint, and makes its way into "bone dry" territory. If there is any il which should be watched above others it seems to your comittee that that evil is the whiskey evil. We recommend that the embers of this association keep up the fight with your mouths nd your votes.

Respectfully,

C. E. Bass,
Luther Upton,
B. B. Howse.

On motion that this association appoint a committee representing 000 Baptists of Jones County asking our national legislature for their upport on National Prohibition.

Committee: Rev. L. G. Gates, B. A. Ashworth and J. M. Shows.

Committee on Scriptural Giving appointed Rev. L. G. Gates.

The Report on Nominations was read by J. M. Shows and adopted.

Report on Nominations.

Meeting place, Fairfield, 12 miles west of Ellisville, on Tuesday nd Wednesday after the First Sunday in October, 1918, Rev. C. E. ass to preach the introductory sermon, and A. A. Bryant, alternate.

Executive Committee: J. C. Parker, Good Montgomery, W. N. lontgomery, John Harper and B. B. House.

Officers of Sunday School B. Y. P. U.: Good Montgomery, presient; T. U. Collins, vice-president; A. P. Wells, secretary and treasrer; representative State Mission Board, L. G. Gates; messenger to . B. C., B. A. Ashworth.

Respectfully submitted,

A. McDaniel,
R. E. Harper,
J. M. Shows.

Adjourned till 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, Brother A. P. Wells eading the prayer.

7:30 o'clock the association was called to order by C. W. Black, onducting the devotional services. The report on B. Y. P. U. was read y Harry Smallwood and discussed by Harry Smallwood and a nice emonstrational program was rendered by the West End Church B. . P. U. led by Brother Harry Smallwood, and adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U.

In 2 Tim. 2:15 the Lord commands us to prepare to do his work:

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a Workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." That is a call to Preparation and Service, and we should hasten to prepare ourselves and to equip our forces to do the Lord's work. The Baptist Young People's Union is the training department of the church. The Sunday School may be the teaching and soul-saving agency of the church, and is especially designed for that work. The B. Y. P. U. is the drill ground for young Christians where they may become accustomed to work and skillful in the use of the Sword of the Spirit —the Word of Truth. It is impossible for a church to do its best work without trained members. In this day when our government is turning to preparation along all lines and the conservation of all resources, is it not time for the church to begin to train and conserve the power of its young Christian forces? Not in a limited way but in a full measure that we may meet the needs that come in this unparalleled time for Christian service.

At this time we call your attention to the lack of interest in and the needs of the B. Y. P. U. rather than recount at length the work of the past twelve months.

In the Jones County Association we have thirty-three churches. Sixteen of these churches have Senior Unions; five of this sixteen have both the Senior and Junior Unions. The percentage of Unions reporting A-1 is very small, only five having been reported. The A-1 Standard is not too high but the failure of most of the Unions to attain A-1 may be attributed to a lack of leadership and effective work in organization. The preachers and pastors of this association need to appreciate more fully the place of the Union in the church and what it must mean to them as pastors to bring the work to the front. At the same time we appeal to the leaders and teachers in our public schools to not fail in giving their talent and Christian scervice to the work of the B. Y. P. U.

The City Union of Laurel, comprised of all the local Unions in the city, together with the Pinegrove Union have done effective work through the entire year. These Unions have pushed the work in the county and have organized several new Unions and aided some in the work in others of the rural churches. Two institutes were held in Laurel during the year, both were largely attended, and a great number of certificates awarded those who completed the course of study taken.

The Laurel City Union has been doing exceptionally good work this year. This Union had a large representation at the State Convention at Pontotoc, and Jones county reported more A-1 Unions at the South Mississippi Assembly at Hattiesburg than any other county

the state.

The city of Laurel is ready to aid any and all B. Y. P. U. work the county, furnishing leaders, literature and sometimes a pastor r a service. The B. Y. P. U. is a great place to discover talent, id we hope that the churches of this association shall begin to id the reserve forces in the young Christians and lead them into large and useful field of work.

In conclusion we earnestly urge all churches, pastors and lay-en to seek to educate and encourage the young Christians along Y. P. U. lines and make this the leading association in B. Y. P. U. ork of the state.

Harry Smallwood.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

10 a. m.—Devotional.
10:15 a. m.—Organization.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon.
1:15 p. m.—Devotional.
1:30 p. m.—Christian Education.
2:15 p. m.—Publications.
3:00 p. m.—Temperance.
3.45 p. m.—Adjournment.
7:15 p. m.—Devotional.
7:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.

WEDNSEDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional.
9:00 a. m.—Sunday Schoo.s.
9:30 a. m.—Foreign Missions.
10:00 a. m.—Scriptural Giving.
10:30 a. m.—Hospitals.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon.
1:30 p. m.—Orphanage.
2:15 p. m.—Woman's Work.
3:00 p. m.—Adjournment.

Committee,
L. E. Lightsey.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, J. C arker leading the prayer.

8:30 o'clock the association was called to order, Brother W. E. ing conducting the devotional services.

Committee on Sunday School appointed; Brother Luther Upton, D. S. Ingram and Roy Hilbun.

The report on Sunday School was read by Brother Luther Upton, and discussed by Luther Upton, T. U. Collins, J. M. Shows, B. A. Ashworth, W. E. King, W. W. Pittman, F. Reeves and T. J. Stevens and adopted.

Report on Sunday School.

All of our churches report Sunday School except

The Bible School is that service in our churches where we meet to study the Bible in a systematic way.

It should be the school where young people are taught the word of God, and how to use his word and where they are to develop into actual service.

It should also be the school where the great plan of salvation is taught and people learn to know God, whom to know aright is eternal life.

If our churches are to get the greatest good from these services, then our school must become more efficient. We would, therefore, recommend the following:

1. That we begin now, not simply to vote on these suggestions but to organize teachers training classes in each church to train our present teachers and our prospective teachers.
2. That we grade our Sunday Schools as best we can.
3. That we use the Southern Baptist literature published in Nashville, Tenn., by our Baptist Sunday School board.
4. On motion of Brother W. E. King the Sunday School report was amended that association minutes show separate itemized statements for what collections were made for and amounts given to each case, showing amounts contributed separately to each of them.

Luther Upton, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions appointed Elder L. E. Lightsey, W. W. Moffett, Jr., and D. B. Hilbun.

The report was read on Foreign Missions by L. E. Lightsey, discussed by L. E. Lightsey, J. E. Cranford, G. P. Harris, S. V. Ross, and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Our word missions means to send, and that, too, in a two-fold sense, that of authority and force.

Practically speaking, missions is the work of the churches of God in promoting the conversion of the world to Christ. The word

od says that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord l be saved, but how shall they call upon Him of whom they not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how they except they be sent?

And we make the following inquiry "Who will send them if o not?" The answer comes to us in languages too loud and signifi- to be misunderstood, "Go, ye into all the world and preach the el to every creature."

There is the marching orders of the churches from the Captain he Lord of hosts. What are you going to do about it?

The field of missions outlined by our Savior is the entire world. it is as binding on us to give the gospel to China as it is to sissippi. The gospel of Christ is for the lost, wherever found.

We prase God for the manifold blessings He has bestowed on foreign mission efforts of the past year. The very success of work is an additional call for us to redouble our efforts. God is ing to us. We must go forward.

Southern Baptists, who twenty-two years ago gave $154,688, gave year over $537,076.66. Twenty-two years ago, Southern Baptists 92 missionaries on the foreign fields, now we have over 300. enty-two years ago our missionaries baptized 320. Last year 5,000. enty-two years ago we did not have a self-supporting church on the eign fields. Now we have 61.

We need men and women in important places. Old workers dying and new places are opening up to supply the present, d. We must give more money. Just think, last year we only e 22 cents per member to tell the countless thousands who are lost Christ and his power to save.

We recommend that our people be urged to take the Baptist cord and the Home and Foreign Fields.

L. E. Lightsey, Chairman.

The finance Committee's report was read by W. M. Grissom, l adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

ceived for Associational Purposes	$ 69.50
te Missions	83.90
phanage	12.62
nterville W. M. U.	4.20
Total	$170.22

We have examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Moffett, Sr.,
W. M. Grissom,
M. T. Odom.

The Finance Committee's report was read by W. M. Grissom and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer.

W. N. Montgomery, in account with the Jones County Association, October, 1916.

Received for Associational Purposes	$ 69.86
Received for State Missions	22.91
Received for Foreign Missions	4.28
Received for Orphanage, Jackson	7.20
Total	$104.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Association State Missions	$11.92
Foreign Missions	4.28
Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.	7.20
By Exchange of Minutes	35.00
Postage	1.51
Clerk Fee	25.00
Remaining in Treasury for Associational Purposes	$ 8.35
Total	$95.91

Respectively submitted,
W. N. Montgomery, Treasurer.

The report on Christian giving was read by Elder L. G. Gates and discussed by L. G. Gates and J. C. Parker and adopted.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. E. Cranford delivered an able sermon, using as a text Numbers, 15th Chapter and 33rd Verse.

The roll was then called and absentees marked.

Adjourned one hour for dinner, J. C. Parker leading the prayer.

At one o'clock the association was called to order, B. A. Ashworth leading the prayer.

The report on the Orphanage was read by B. A. Ashworth and discussed by B. A. Ashworth and W. W. Hopkins and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following chairmen of committees

write reports for the next association, viz:

Foreign Missions: W. M. Grissom.
B. Y. P. U.:. H. C. Jorden.
Sunday School: T. U. Collins.
State Home and General Association Missions: G. P. Harris
Christian Education: L. G. Gates.
Baptist Hospital: T. B. Bonner
W. M. U.: A. A. Bryant.
Publication: C. E. Bass.
Orphanage: R. J. Loper.
Temperance: J. E. Cranford.
Spiritual Condition of Churches: W. W. Moffet, Jr.

Collection for Orphanage $10.52.

The report on Baptist Hospitables was read by Elder C. W. Black discussed by J. C. Parker, and adopted.

Report on Baptist Hospitals.

Jesus went about doing good while here upon the earth. It was aim and purpose to be a blessing to humanity as well as to seek to save that which was lost. One of the ways—and the greatest y in which He was a blessing to the people, apart from being the rior of men was healing their bodies. This phase of Christian rk has been somewhat neglected by us as a denomination until hin the last few years. We now have a beautiful hospital in kson, Miss., owned and controlled by the Baptists of Mississippi, the Tri-State Hospital at Memphis.

We are at present without a permanent superintendent for our pital at Jackson. We are very much in need of a suitabel man this place. We also need $10,000.00 to pay a debt which will due January 1st. 1918. We urge that our churches take a collion between now and then to meet this debt.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. Black,
T. U. Collins.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Good Montgomery and opted

Report on W. M. U.

On Woman's Work we make the following report:

The church is not separated into separate divisions, but it does ve separate agencies for accomplishing different parts of the work. e of the most important of these is the Woman's Missionary

Union, which proposes to utilizes and enlarge the Great Power for good, which lies in the combined forces of the women of the churches. This report cannot go into details of the work, so it merely refers to the report of the W. M. U. embodied in the proceedings of this meeting, and ask for a careful consideration of the wonderful work which it is doing.

Respectfully submitted.
Good Montgomery.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Report on Resolutions.

We, your committee on resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved:

First, that we express our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Bethlehem Church and community for their hospitality and entertainment of the association in such a splendid manner.

Second, that we express our appreciation of the efficient services of Brother W. N. Montgomery as clerk.

Third, that the clerk of the association be allowed $25,00 for his services and that he have printed and distributed such number of copies of the minutes of this meeting as may be needed.

Fourth, that the proceedings of the W. M. U. be included in the meetings of the association.

Good Montgomery.

The following amounts were subscribed to pay the representative's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention, viz:

Lowery Creek Church, $5.00; C. E. Bass Church, $5.00; Kingston Church $2.50; West End, $2.50; Centerville $2.00; Summerland, $3.00; G. P. Harris Churches, $4.00; Fellowship $2.00; B. A. Ashworth Church $2.00; Pinegrove, $2.00; Sharon, $2.00; Mr. Oreal, $1.00; Indian Springs, $2.00; Mt. Olive, $2.00.

Correspondence was arranged as follows:

Bay Springs Association, W. M. Grissom.

Perry County Association, G. P. Harris.

On motion to adjourn to meet with Fairfield Church, 12 miles west of Ellisville on Tuesday and Wednesday after the first Sunday in Oct., 1918.

J. C. Parker, Moderator.
W. N. Montgomery, Clerk.

Report on Scriptural Giving.

It is evident that every Christian wants to do what God wants done; it is also evident that God's wishes and will is expressed in the

ole; it is evident that the Bible consists of the Old and the New stament.

It is also evident that in the Old Testament, that the tithe was obligation upon God's people; they did not have to meet this igation, they could suffer the consequence instead. When God complished His purpose with the Hebrews and turned to the ntiles, he nowhere removed this obligation; it stands, and in lition to this the idea of personal responsibility and stewardship emphasized.

One fact is clear that the major part of the giving with Chris-ns is not Scriptural.

L. G. Gates.

Report on the Orphanage.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, (our home for homeless chil-en,) located at Jackson, Mississippi, has been in successful operation 20 years. The purpose of the home is to provide food, clothing, elter and training for the unfortunate orphan children who have ither parents or other relatives to care for them.

We believe Orphanage work to be clearly the work of Christ; d our home at Jackson, certainly has had the stamp of His ap-oval as the following statistics will show. We learn from the ustee's report to the Convention, that since the founding of our stitution twenty years ago, about 800 children have been cared , for a longer or shorter time. The majority of them have been turned to the mother or some relative who got in a position to re for them. Ninety-one have been adopted into good Christian mes and are having equal chances with other children throughout e country. A goodly number of them, however, have grown up our home and have passed out to take their place in the world. xty have married and have homes and families of their own, t one of whom so far as we know is raising up a family to be de-ndent and a care of public charity. Many of our children have cceeded well and have good prospects for a brilliant success in e. Six have taken nurses' training and are succeeding well, eight ve taught and so far as we have been able to find out have given tisfaction in their profession. One is a railroad conductor, one is nager of the Western Union Telegraph station at Natchez, Mis-ssippi. Seven have entered the United States Military service and e has crossed the water and is now fighting in the French army. x have taken business courses and some are now serving in import-t offices. One is studying for the ministry and one has volun-

teered for Foreign Field Service.

Through the kindness and liberality of interested friends, 24 have had the opportunity of college training and six are now in college. One of our boys holds a diploma from the Mississippi A. & M. College and also from the University of Ohio. One of our boys is in business in New Orleans, and is maintaining his sister, in the Mississippi Woman's College. Four of our boys are working their way through school, one of them having sent his sister to Blue Mountain for four years. Many others are working on farms, at mills, in machine shops, and other callings and making a comfortable living for themselves. Some we have lost sight of entirely but when last heard of were on the right line and gave promise of developing into useful men and women.

We commend our Orphanage to the cordial support of all our people and would recommend that the Sunday Schools of our Association adopt the plan of giving monthly to the Orphanage and that all our churches take a special thank offering during the month of November. In addition to the money contributions, let our churches, Sunday Schools and W. M. U.'s send supplies of food, clothing, taking advantage, whenever possible of the free cars that run during the latter part of November, and early part of December, which will carry all donations free of charge to the Orphanage. Send corn, peas, canned goods, cured meats, sugar, rice, oatmeal, molasses, lard, and all kinds of clothing (good second hand clothing acceptable) sheets, pillow cases, soap, shoes, towels, pins, needles, pencils, tablets, elastic, buttons, etc. Anything that can be used in the support of the ordinary family can be used at the Orphanage.

Let us not forget in our prayers to remember our little ones and those who care for them.

B. A. Ashworth.

The W. M. U. of Jones County Association met October 3, 1917, at Bethlehem church. Mrs. Shin, the superintendent, opened the meeting, and the Doxology was sung. Mrs. Denham read part of the Eleventh chapter of Mark, and prayer was led by Mrs. Smallwood.

Mrs. Shin gave her report. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A report of the W. M. U. rally held at Pine Grove June 22, 1917, was given by the secretary.

The superintendent called for reports from the societies composing the Union.

Reports were read from the following societies:

Ellisville, Centerville, Mt. Oreal, Moselle, Laurel 1st Church, Laurel-Kingston, and Laurel-West End.

The subject for the morning program was, Our State Mission ork.

The first subject discussed was our Orphanage.

s. Rowell read a very interesting letter from one of the girls o had been reared in the Orphanage, telling of the training the ldren receive while there.

Mrs. Gates talked on the Circle or Neighborhood plan, and told ne advantages of the Circle plan.

Mrs. Sanford led in prayer for our soldier boys.

A paper on personal service work was read by Mrs. Stevens. e next paper, A Home Worth While, was read by Mrs. Harris.

The meeting adjourned for dinner, with prayer by Mrs. Downing.

The afternoon session opened by singing one verse of "All ll the Power of Jesus' Name," and Mrs. Frank Denham led the ayer.

A tract, "Individual Responsibility," was read by Mrs. Williams.

Something of State Mission Work being done by our State ard, was told by the secretary.

Reports of Y. W. S. work were read from Laurel 1st Church, and llisville, also from Girls' Auxiliary of Ellisville, and Sunbeams of urel 1st Church.

Mrs. Wilson made a short talk on Our Training School.

Before going into the election of officers Mrs. Smallwood led a ayer that the Union might make a wise selection of officers for e next year. Mrs. Shin stated that she wasn't tired of the work. t she desired someone to be elected in her place as superintendent. rs. Shin was nominated by Mrs. Boyd, but she asked that Mrs. Boyd thdraw her nomination. Mrs. Walters was nominated by Mrs. Bow-, and was unanimously elected as superintendent. Mrs. Jarvis was minated as assistant superintendent, but asked that the nomina-n be withdrawn. Mrs. D. B. Powell was elected as assistant superin-ndent. Miss May Carter was re-elected as secretary and treas-er.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

We, the committee on resolutions of thanks, for the W. M. U. of nes County Association, beg to express our unbounded apprecia-n and gratitude to the Bethlehem Church and community, and pecially to Mrs. G. W. Chancelor for the lovely hospitality so cor-ally extended to us while in their midst.

Mrs. J. B. Jarvis,
Mrs. S. H. Myers,
Mrs. T. W. Collins.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Boyd.

Mrs. Ida Shinn, superintendent; May M. Carter, secretary and treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Church of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, being convinced of the necessity and utility of a combination of churches of the same faith and order, do agree to unite and form ourselves into an association. Therefore.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Jones County Baptist Association.

Article 2. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected, but no person shall hold the office of moderator for a succession of more than two years.

Article 3. The obect of this association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, incullation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse and brotherly love among the churches.

Article 4. Members of the association shall be composed of delegates, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats.

Article 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its members shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fraction part thereof; until the membership shall reach 200, then five delegates and no more, provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

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Indian Springs	W. N. Montgomery, F
Ellisville	C. E. Bass, Joe Pack
Centerville	D. B. Hilbun, Roy H
Bethlehem	G. P. Harris, B. R. H
Soso	Warren Harper
Lebanon	W. W. Moffett, Rob
Harmony	Not represented
Sandersville	A. McDaniel
Fellowship	S. V. Ross, J. M. Sh
Oak Grove	Vander Fairchilds
Corinth	V. M. Morgan
Fairfield	M. T. Odom, B. A. A
Lowery Creek	B. L. Herrington, W.
West Laurel	M. C. Martin, A. P and Luther Upt
Mt. Olive	M. A. Meadow, J. W
Wausau	J. T. Roberson, J. C
Mt. Oreal	T. J. Stevens, Dan
Tucker Crossing	Harvey Holifield, W
New Bethany	J. J. Scruggs, W. J.
Moselle	T. U. Collins, Mae
Sharon	James Geiger
Pleasant Home	A. Blackwell, Fleet
Shelton	J. T. Morgan, Myrtle
Kingston	J. E. Cranford, W. V
Summerland	Charley Black, Joe M
Heidelberg	W. E. King, R. N. S
Shady Grove	Represented by Le
Beulah	D. B. Sumrall, L. N
Pine Grove	W. W. Pittman, H.

W. M. U. TABLE

	Pres. W. M. U.	Postoffice	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Training School	All other obects	Total
West Laurel	Mrs. J. T. Smallwood	Laurel	18 00	15 00	15 00		11 00	74 55	134 50
Mt. Olive									
Wausau									
Mt. Oreal	Mrs. Plumer Pearson		1 75			1 75		18 75	22 25
Tucker Crossing									
New Bethany									
Moselle									
Sharon									48 00
Pleasant Home									
Shelton									
Kingston	Mrs. J. C. Sanford		6 40			50 00		110 00	166 40
Summerland									
Heidelberg									
Shady Grove									
Indian Springs									
Laurel 1st Church	Mrs. P. B. Bridges	Laurel	100 00	100 00	121 00	214 95		550 05	$1086
Ellisville	Mrs. L. L. Clark	Ellisville	7 50	16 00	18 00	25 00		114 86	156 36
Centerville									43 85
Bethlehem									
Soso									
Lebanon									
Pine Grove									
Harmony									
Sandersville									
Fellowship									
Oak Grove									
Corinth									
Fairfield									
Lowery Creek									

CHURCH STATISTICS

Delegates	Pastor	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Baptisms	Received by Let'r	Restorations	Total	Dismis'd by Let'r	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property
E. D. Hust, B. S. Shin, J. B. Jarvis, G. L. Den-														
arner Beard	L. G. Gates	Laurel	D. M. Beard	Laurel	11	24	0	35	0	0	3	529	$4000	$15000
omery, F. Reeves, W. W. Hopkins	R. J. Loper	Moselle	J. D. Adams	Soso	7	3	1	11	0	0	0	135		
oe Pack, J. M. Arnold, J. A. Tinnon	C. E. Bass	Ellisville	W. Ruffin	Ellisville	25	9	0	33	0	0	3	286	1500	2000
, Roy Hilbun	A. A. Bryant	Sanford	Roy Hilbun	Soso	14	3	0	17			1	114		
B. B. House, S. L. Murphy	G. P. Harris	Laurel	J. D. Riley	Laurel	7	2	0	9	0	0	0	87		
per	W. C. Black	Taylorsville	J. W. Knight	Soso	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	131		
ett, Robert Harper	J. C. Parker	Laurel	A. A. Collins	Soso	1	2	1	4	0	0	1	27		350
nted					1	1		2	0	0	0	105		1250
l	C. E. Bass	Ellisville	Ira Morgan	Sandersville	1		2					105		1230
J. M. Shows, W. P. Morse	G. P. Harris	Laurel	C. F. Shows	Moselle	4	6		10	0	1	0	113		
rchilds	A. A. Bryant	Sanford	Vander Fairchild	Sanford	3	3	3	7	0	1	4	83		500
gan	C. E. Hendrix	Newton	F. A. Patrick	Heidelberg	9	4					1			1000
B. A. Ashworth	B. A. Ashworth	Seminary	F. C. Watkins	Sanford	7	6		13	0	0	0	121		700
gton, W. O. Bush	R. C. Folks	Gitano	Y. B. Fairchild	Moselle	0	5	0	5	3	2	0	93		100
in, A. P. Wells, Selma Rhodes, Lela Martin,														
her Upton	J. C. Parker	Laurel	W. B. Moody	Laurel	43	8	5		23	5	0	479	2500	4000
ow, J. W. Pickering	W. B. Mott	Laurel	F. L. Reddock	Summerland	0	5	0	15	4	0	2	79		1000
son, J. O. Shillings	W. R. Allmon	Mize	R. T. Thigpen	Laurel	3	5	1	9	18	3	1	48		1500
ns, Dan Kelly, J. M. Body	L. G. Gates	Laurel	T. J. Stevens	Laurel	8	4	0	12	0	0	1	57		500
ifield, W. N. Matthew	G. P. Harris	Laurel	Ben Walters	Laurel	6	1	0	7	1	3	0	59		400
s, W. J. Scruggs	R. C. Folks	Soso	W. J. Svruggs	Ellisville	0	0	0		10	0	1	63		500
s, Mae Collins	C. E. Bass	Ellisville	T. U. Collins	Moselle	2	3	0	7	8		3	76		1500
ger	L. D. Bassett	Laurel	H. Sims	Laurel	3	3	0	6	1		3	124		1200
ll, Fleet Moss	Z. K. Gillmore	Bay Springs	W. I. Moss	Soso										
n, Myrtle Patterson, Vena Smith	B. A. Ashworth	Seminary	W. W. Bonner	Sanford	4	6	1	11	2			139		
rd, W. W. Moffett, D. S. Ingram	J. E. Cranford	Seminary	J. W. Harper	Laurel	0	15		15	10			135	1700	2500
ck, Joe Moore, J. J. Hinton, W. M. Grissom	T. J. Miley	Bay Springs	J. R. Anderson	Summerland	28	3	0	31	5		1	165		10500
R. N. Satcher	C. E. Bass	Ellisville	H. M. Satcher	Heidelberg	1	5	0	6	3			88		800
l by Letter	W. B. Haynie	Starksville	Oscar Lee	Vossburg	10	2		12				100		500
all, L. N. Miller	L. G. Gates	Laurel	D. V. Valentine	Laurel	3	2	0	5	0		2	95		
man, H. C. Jordan	A. A. Bryant	Sanford	B. U. Jordan	Moselle	17	5		22	3			128		

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U

Churches	Sueprintendent	Postoffice	Secretary	Postoffice	Offcers and Teacr	No. Pupils	Total Enrollment.
Laurel 1st Church	Sam Lindsey	Laurel	Frank Beard	Laurel	17	215	387
Indian Springs	J. O. Freeman	Ellisville	Florence Quimby	Soso	5	40	45
Ellisville	C. S. Williams	Ellisville	L. W. Ruffin	Ellisville	12	153	155
Centerville	Ben Hilbun	Soso	Lela Nix	Soso	6	73	73
Bethlehem	B. R. Stone	Laurel	Hurby Dunagin	Laurel	8	...	67
Soso	G. C. Horn	Soso	Nanie Green	Soso	11	62	73
Lebanon	W. W. Moffett	Soso	Sallie Collins	Soso	...	...	...
Harmony	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sandersville	W. W. Bostick	Sandersville	Irene Hardee	Sandersville	5	...	...
Fellowship	C. F. Shows	Moselle	Alice Judge	Moselle	6	54	...
Oak Grove	J. T. Harrell	Sanford	A. M. Gunter	Sanford	6	84	90
Corinth	F. T. Bears	Heidelberg	...	...	6	40	60
Fairfield	S. B. Stringer	Moselle	M. T. Odom	Moselle	5	50	55
Lowery Creek	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Laurel	W. O. Hedgpath	Laurel	Katie Sumrall	Laurel	20	335	335
Mt. Olive	F. Pickering	Summerland	Estus Reddock	Summerland	7	52	66
Wausau	I. G. Goodgame	Laurel	R. T. Thigpen	Laurel	7	40	60
Mt. Oreal	Davis Martin	Laurel	...	...	8	62	70
Tucker Crossing	Van Hill	Laurel	Rosa Matthew	Laurel	6	40	46
New Bethany	F. W. Bolivar	Ellisville	...	...	3	25	28
Moselle	T. U. Colfins	Moselle	Ghita Magee	Moselle	6	77	83
Sharon	James A. Geiger	Laurel	Effie Nesom	Laurel	5	50	55
Pleasant Home	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shelton	J. D. Palmer	Moselle	A. L. Odom	Sanford	7	86	93
Kingston	J. W. Harper	Laurel	Gladys Volchairt	Laurel	8	112	112
Summerland	G. D. Moseley	Summerland	Bader Gambrill	Summerland	14	130	144
Heidelberg	W. E. King	Heidelberg	Cecil Travis	Heidelberg	6	56	62
Shady Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beulah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pine Grove	T. J. Lewis	Ellisville	Archie Jordan	Ellisville	9	91	100

. P. U. STATISTICAL TABLE

No. Pupils	Total Enrollment	No. Church Members in S. S.	No M'ths Taught	No Baptisms S. S.	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	All Other Objects	Total	President B. Y. P. U.	Postoffice
7 215	387	147	12	6	$304 30	$225 00	.....	$494 57	$936 67	Sam Roberts ...	Laurel .....
5 40	45	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
2 153	155	85	12	24	30 34	9 00	47 46	32 66	118 80	.....	.....
73	73	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	Bruce Hilbum ..	Soso .....
...	67	...	...	...	5 64	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
62	73	43	...	...	13 97	2 00	.....	.....	15 77	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	Vira Collins	Sandersville ....
...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
...	...	...	12	1	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	Sam Gatlin	Sanford .....
54	...	...	12	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
84	90	47	12	3	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	Vander Fairchild.	Moselle .....
40	60	30	10	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
50	55	30	12	3	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	J. W. Fagan.....	Laurel .....
...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
335	335	108	12	23	116 98	25 50	.....	29 68	198 47	Harry Smallwood	Soso .....
52	66	...	...	...	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	Ollie McLaurin..	Laurel .....
40	60	25	12	3	14 85	15 00	2 86	16 63	49 34	Harry Der Priest	.....
62	70	40	12	8	15 45	8 62	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
40	46	...	12	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
25	28	8	7	...	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....
77	83	23	12	2	7 00	.....	.....	15 00	22 00	.....	.....
50	55	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
86	93	55	12	4	7 21	1 00	.....	.....	8 21	J. D. Palmer	Moselle .....
112	112	25	12	...	120 00	.....	.....	.....	120 00	P. D. Harper	Laurel .....
130	144	25	12	28	40 00	5 10	1 53	.....	46 63	.....	.....
56	62	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	.....
91	100	56	12	12	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.... ..	Archie Jordan ..	Ellisville .....